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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication system comprising a transmission apparatus for transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the image, and a reception apparatus for receiving the image and the voice,  
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10 said transmission apparatus comprises transmission means capable of selectively transmitting the image and the voice to said reception apparatus; and

15 said reception apparatus comprises control means for controlling the image received from said transmission apparatus and causing predetermined display means to display the controlled image, on the basis of the voice transmitted by said transmission apparatus.

2. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said one reception apparatus is connected to said plural transmission apparatuses to be able to selectively receive the image or the voice.

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25 3. A system according to Claim 2, wherein said control means causes said predetermined display means to display each of the images transmitted from said plural transmission apparatuses.

4. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said

reception apparatus comprises said predetermined display means.

5. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said control means emphasizes the image transmitted from said transmission apparatus, in accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from said transmission apparatus.

10 6. A system according to Claim 5, wherein the emphasizing is to enlarge the image.

15 7. A system according to Claim 5, wherein the emphasizing is to emphasize an outer frame of the image.

8. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said reception apparatus comprises a speaker for outputting the voice.

20 9. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said control means controls a voice level of the voice transmitted from the predetermined transmission apparatus, in accordance with contents of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission apparatuses.

25 10. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said

control means controls resolution of the image transmitted from said transmission apparatus, in accordance with contents of the voice transmitted by said transmission apparatus.

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11. A communication system comprising a transmission apparatus for transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the image, and a reception apparatus for receiving the image and the voice,

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said transmission apparatus comprises transmission means capable of selectively transmitting the image and the voice to said reception apparatus, and

said reception apparatus comprises,

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control means for controlling the image receiving from said transmission apparatus on the basis of the voice transmitted from said transmission apparatus, and

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display control means for receiving the image transmitted from said transmission apparatus and causing predetermined display means to display the received image.

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12. A system according to Claim 11, wherein said control means performs, in accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from said transmission apparatus, the controlling such that the different kinds of images

are received from said transmission apparatus from  
which the voice was received.

13. A system according to Claim 12, wherein the  
5 different kinds of images include a still image and a  
moving image.

14. A system according to Claim 11, wherein said  
control means selects whether or not the image is to be  
10 received from said transmission apparatus, in  
accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from  
said transmission apparatus.

15. A system according to Claim 11, wherein said  
15 one reception apparatus is connected to said plural  
transmission apparatuses and can selectively receive  
the image or the voice.

16. A system according to Claim 15, wherein said  
20 control means controls a voice level of the voice  
transmitted from predetermined one of said plural  
transmission apparatuses, in accordance with contents  
of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission  
apparatuses.

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17. A system according to Claim 16, wherein said  
predetermined transmission apparatus is one of said

plural transmission apparatuses transmitting the voices, and is the transmission apparatus which transmitted the voice most satisfying a predetermined condition.

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18. A system according to Claim 15, wherein said control means controls voice levels of the voices transmitted from said transmission apparatuses other than a predetermined transmission apparatus, in accordance with contents of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission apparatuses.

19. A system according to Claim 11, wherein said reception apparatus further comprises a speaker for outputting the voice.

20. A system according to Claim 11, wherein said control means controls resolution of the image transmitted from said transmission apparatus, in accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from said transmission apparatus.

21. A communication system comprising a transmission apparatus for transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the image, and a reception apparatus for receiving the image and the voice, wherein

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said transmission apparatus comprises,  
transmission means capable of selectively  
transmitting the image and the voice to said reception  
apparatus, and

5 image pickup equipment control means for  
controlling a predetermined image pickup equipment to  
capture the image, and

10 said reception apparatus comprises allocation  
means for allocating a control right to control an  
operation of said predetermined image pickup equipment,  
on the basis of the voice transmitted from said  
transmission apparatus.

22. A system according to Claim 21, wherein  
15 said one reception apparatus is connected to said  
plural transmission apparatuses and can selectively  
receive the image or the voice, and

20 said allocation means allocates the control right  
such that the operation of said image pickup equipment  
corresponding to predetermined one of said plural  
transmission apparatuses, in accordance with contents  
of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission  
apparatuses.

25 23. A system according to Claim 21, wherein said  
transmission apparatus comprises said image pickup  
equipment.

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24. An information process apparatus which can receive an image and a voice to be added to the image, from a transmission apparatus, said information process apparatus comprising:

5           reception means capable of receiving the image and the voice to be added to the image, and  
              control means for controlling the image received by said reception means and displaying the controlled image on predetermined display means, on the basis of  
10           the voice received by said reception means.

25. An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said information process apparatus is connected to said plural transmission apparatuses and can selectively  
15           receive the image or the voice.

26. An apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said control means can cause said predetermined display means to display each of the images transmitted from  
20           said plural transmission apparatuses.

27. An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said information process apparatus comprises said predetermined display means.

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28. An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said control means emphasizes the image transmitted

from said transmission apparatus, in accordance with  
contents of the voice transmitted from said  
transmission apparatus.

5                   29. An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein  
the emphasizing is to enlarge the image.

30. An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein  
the emphasizing is to emphasize an outer frame of the  
image.

31. An apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising a speaker for outputting the voice.

15           32. An apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein  
said control means controls a voice level of the voice  
transmitted from predetermined one of said plural  
transmission apparatuses, in accordance with contents  
of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission  
apparatuses.

33 An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein  
said control means controls resolution of the image  
transmitted from said transmission apparatus, in  
accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from  
said transmission apparatus.

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34. An information process apparatus which can receive an image and a voice to be added to the image, from a transmission apparatus, said information process apparatus comprising:

5           reception means capable of receiving the image and the voice to be added to the image;

              control means for controlling the image receiving of said reception means, on the basis of the voice received by said reception means; and

10          display control means for causing predetermined display means to display the image received by said reception means.

35. An apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein  
15          said control means performs the controlling such that the different kinds of the images are received from said transmission apparatus from which the voice was received, in accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from said transmission apparatus.

20          36. An apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the different kinds of the images include a still image and a moving image.

25          37. An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein  
              said control means selects whether the image is to be received from said transmission apparatus, in

accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from said transmission apparatus.

38. An apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein  
5 said information process apparatus is connected to said plural transmission apparatuses and can selectively receive the image or the voice.

39. An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein  
10 said control means controls a voice level of the voice transmitted from predetermined one of said plural transmission apparatuses, in accordance with contents of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission apparatuses.

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40. An apparatus according to Claim 39, wherein said predetermined transmission apparatus is one of said plural transmission apparatuses transmitting the voices, and is the transmission apparatus which  
20 transmitted the voice most satisfying a predetermined condition.

41. An apparatus according to Claim 38, wherein  
said control means controls voice levels of the voices  
25 transmitted from said transmission apparatuses other than a predetermined transmission apparatus, in accordance with contents of the voices transmitted from

said plural transmission apparatuses.

42. An apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein  
said information process apparatus further comprises a  
5 speaker for outputting the voice.

43. An apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein  
said control means controls resolution of the image  
transmitted from said transmission apparatus, in  
10 accordance with contents of the voice transmitted from  
said transmission apparatus.

44. An information process apparatus which can  
communicate with a transmission apparatus having a  
15 predetermined image pickup equipment for capturing an  
image, said information process apparatus comprising:  
reception means capable of receiving the image and  
a voice to be added to the image; and  
allocation means for allocating a control right to  
20 control operation of said image pickup equipment, on  
the basis of the voice received by said reception  
means.

45. An apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein  
25 said information process apparatus is connected to  
said plural transmission apparatuses and can  
selectively receive the image or the voice, and

5 said allocation means allocates the control right such that the operation of said image pickup equipment corresponding to predetermined one of said plural transmission apparatuses can be controlled, in accordance with contents of the voices transmitted from said plural transmission apparatuses.

46. An information process method which can receive an image and a voice to be added to the image, from a transmission apparatus, said method comprising:

a reception step of receiving the image and the voice to be added to the image; and

a control step of controlling the image received in said reception step and causing a predetermined display means to display the controlled image, on the basis of the voice received in said reception step.

47. An information process method which can receive an image and a voice to be added to the image, from a transmission apparatus, said method comprising:

a reception step of receiving the image and the voice to be added to the image;

a control step of controlling the image receiving in said reception step, on the basis of the voice received in said reception step; and

a display control step of causing a predetermined display means to display the image received in said

~~reception step.~~

48. An information process method which can communicate with a transmission apparatus having a predetermined image pickup equipment for capturing an image, said method comprising:

a reception step of receiving the image and a voice to be added to the image; and

an allocation step of allocating a control right  
10 to control operation of the image pickup equipment, on  
the basis of the voice received in said reception step.

49. A storage medium which stores, in a computer readable state, a program supplied to an apparatus which can receive an image and a voice to be added to the image, from a transmission apparatus, said program comprising:

a reception step of receiving the image and the voice to be added to the image; and

20 a control step of controlling the image received  
in said reception step and causing a predetermined  
display means to display the controlled image, on the  
basis of the voice received in said reception step.

25 50. A storage medium which stores, in a computer readable state, a program supplied to an apparatus which can receive an image and a voice to be added to

the image, from a transmission apparatus, said program comprising:

a reception step of receiving the image and the voice to be added to the image;

5 a control step of controlling the image receiving in said reception step, on the basis of the voice received in said reception step; and

a display control step of causing a predetermined display means to display the image received in said 10 reception step.

51. A storage medium which stores, in a computer readable state, a program supplied to an apparatus which can communicate with a transmission apparatus having a predetermined image pickup equipment for capturing an image, said program comprising:

a reception step of receiving the image and a voice to be added to the image; and

20 an allocation step of allocating a control right to control operation of the image pickup equipment, on the basis of the voice received in said reception step.

52. A system according to Claim 1, wherein the controlling by said control means is performed on the 25 basis of a voice level of the voice.

53. A communication system comprising a

transmission apparatus for transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the image, and a reception apparatus for receiving the image and the voice,  
wherein

5           said transmission apparatus comprises,  
              data amount control means for controlling a data amount of the image on the basis of a level of the voice to be added to the image, and

10          transmission means for transmitting the image of which data amount was controlled by said data amount control means, and

15          said reception apparatus comprises,  
              reception means for receiving the image transmitted by said transmission means, and  
              display control means for causing predetermined display means to display the image received by said reception means.

20          54. A system according to Claim 53, wherein said reception apparatus further comprises image control means for controlling the image received by said reception means, in accordance with the level of the voice.

25          55. A system according to Claim 53, wherein said data amount control means controls the data amount of the image on the basis of plural threshold values.

56. A system according to Claim 54, wherein said image control means controls the image received by said reception means, on the basis of plural threshold values.

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57. A system according to claim 54, wherein the controlling by said image control means is to emphasize the image.

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58. A system according to Claim 57, wherein the emphasizing of the image is to emphasize an outer frame of the image.

59. A system according to Claim 53, wherein said communication system comprises the plural transmission apparatuses, said reception means receives the plural images transmitted from said transmission means of said plural transmission apparatuses, and said display control means causes said predetermined display means to simultaneously display the plural images.

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60. An information process apparatus which connects a reception apparatus receiving an image and a voice and transmits the image and the voice to be added to the image, comprising:

data amount control means for controlling a data amount of the image, on the basis of a level of the

voice to be added to the image; and  
transmission means for transmitting the image  
controlled by said data amount control means.

5        61. An information process method which transmits  
an image and a voice to be added to the image, to a  
reception apparatus, comprising:  
a data amount control step of controlling a data  
amount of the image, on the basis of a level of the  
10      voice to be added to the image; and  
a transmission step of transmitting the image  
controlled in said data amount control step.

15       62. A storage medium which stores, in a computer  
readable state, an information process program which is  
used to transmit an image and a voice to be added to  
the image, to a reception apparatus, said program  
comprising:

20       a data amount control step of controlling a data  
amount of the image, on the basis of a level of the  
voice to be added to the image; and  
a transmission step of transmitting the image  
controlled in said data amount control step.

25       63. An information process apparatus which is  
connected to a transmission apparatus capable of  
transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the

image, and controlling a data amount at a time when the image is transmitted, said information process apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving the image and the voice transmitted by said transmission apparatus; and  
5 output means for outputting instruction information for controlling the data amount of the image transmitted by said transmission apparatus, on the basis of a level of the voice received by said 10 reception means.

64. An apparatus according to Claim 63, further comprising display control means for displaying the image received by said reception means, on a monitor.

15 65. An apparatus according to Claim 63, further comprising a monitor for displaying the image received by said reception means.

20 66. An apparatus according to Claim 64, wherein said information process apparatus is connected to plural transmission apparatuses including said transmission apparatus,  
said reception means receives the plural images  
25 and the voices transmitted from said plural transmission apparatuses, and  
said display control means simultaneously displays

the plural images and the voices received by said reception means, on said monitor.

67. A method for controlling a reception apparatus which is connected to a transmission apparatus capable of transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the image, and of controlling a data amount at a time when the image is transmitted, said method comprising:

10 a reception step of receiving the image and the voice transmitted by the transmission apparatus; and  
an output step of outputting instruction information for controlling the data amount of the image transmitted by the transmission apparatus, on the 15 basis of a level of the voice received in said reception step.

68. A storage medium which stores, in a computer readable state, a control program for controlling a 20 reception apparatus which is connected to a transmission apparatus capable of transmitting an image and a voice to be added to the image, and of controlling a data amount at a time when the image is transmitted, said program comprising:

25 a reception step of receiving the image and the voice transmitted by the transmission apparatus; and  
an output step of outputting instruction

information for controlling the data amount of the image transmitted by the transmission apparatus, on the basis of a level of the voice received in said reception step.

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69. A communication system which comprises a transmission apparatus for transmitting an image photographed by predetermined image pickup means, and a reception apparatus for receiving the transmitted 10 image, wherein

    said transmission apparatus comprises transmission means for transmitting the image, and

    said reception apparatus comprises,

    reception means for receiving the image

15   transmitted by said transmission means,

    image control means for controlling the image received by said reception means, in accordance with an environment in which the image is photographed, and

    display control means for causing

20   predetermined display means to display the image controlled by said image control means.

70. A system according to claim 69, wherein the environment in which the image is photographed is either one of a pan angle, a tilt angle and zooming magnification of said image pickup means in case of photographing.

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71 A system according to Claim 69, wherein the  
environment in which the image is photographed is a  
temperature.

5 72. A system according to Claim 71, wherein said  
transmission apparatus comprises a sensor for detecting  
the temperature.

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10 73. A communication system which comprises a  
transmission apparatus for transmitting an image  
photographed by predetermined image pickup means, and a  
reception apparatus for receiving the transmitted  
image, wherein  
said transmission apparatus comprises,  
15 data amount control means for controlling a  
data amount of the image in accordance with an  
environment in which the image is photographed, and  
transmission means for transmitting the image  
controlled by said data amount control means, and  
20 said reception apparatus comprises,  
reception means for receiving the image  
transmitted by said transmission means, and  
display control means for causing  
predetermined display means to display the image  
25 received by said reception means.

74. A system according to Claim 73, wherein the

environment in which the image is photographed is either one of a pan angle, a tilt angle and zooming magnification of said image pickup means in case of photographing.

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75. A system according to Claim 73, wherein the environment in which the image is photographed is a temperature.

10 76. A system according to Claim 75, wherein said transmission apparatus comprises a sensor for detecting the temperature.

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